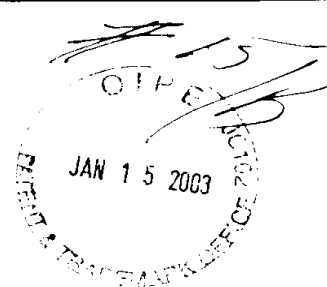


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 21, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 6, 15 and 18 as follows:

- 6. (Twice amended) A method for treating hypertension comprising:
administering a composition comprising:
(A) an isolated compound selected from the group consisting of caffeic acid,
chlorogenic acid and ferulic acid, or an ester or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and
(B) an organic acid having a molecular weight ranging from 60 to 300 or a
pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein said organic acid is not citric acid.--